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SUBJECT: VISITORS TO PHEONIX ISLANDS

1. FCO NOTES THAT AGREEMENT ON U.S. USE OF CANTON, BIRNEY AND HULL ISLANDS INCLUDES PROVISION FOR REASONABLE NOTIFICATION OF OFFICIAL VISITS TO BE GIVEN TO U.S. AUTHORITIES.

2. FCO HAS NOW ASKED FOR U.S. POSITION ON THIS MATTER AS FOLLOWS: "THE GOVERNOR (OF THE GILBERT AND ELLICE ISLANDS) HAS ASKED TO WHOM IT IS INTENDED THAT SUCH NOTICE SHOULD BE GIVEN AND TO WHOM REQUESTS UNDER PARAGRAPH 2 OF ARTICLE VII SHOULD BE ADDRESSED. AS HE HAS NO REGULAR CHANNELS OF COMMUNICATION WITH CANTON, HE HAS SUGGESTED THAT THE COMMANDER, SAMTEC, VANDENBERG AIR FORCE BASE, WOULD BE THE BEST POINT OF CONTACT. AS ROUTINE MATTERS OF THIS KIND COULD BE UNNECESSARILY DELAYED WERE THEY TO BE ROUTED THROUGH THE FOREIGN AND COMMONWEALTH OFFICE AND YOUR EMBASSY IN LONDON, WE SHOULD BE GLAD TO KNOW WHETHER YOUR AUTHORITIES COULD AGREE TO THIS ARRANGEMENT, OR, IF NOT, WHAT OTHER ARRANGEMENTS THEY WOULD PREFER."

3. EMBASSY REQUESTS GUIDANCE ON THIS POINT IN ORDER TO RESPOND TO FCO.

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